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Dear Sirs, Regarding the proposed Medicine Bow Analysis... I am a Wyoming citizen born and raised and have lived here 59 years. I find the proposal to

be entirely too large and unforgiving to both the forest lands and the wild life that depend upon these truly wild places. It seems that timber extraction and nothing else is the focus of this proposal and serious considerations need to be taken into account.

What will this project do over the next few years in the Snowies and Sierra Madre?

360,000 acres in the Snowy Range and Sierra Madre available for logging, thinning, and other vegetation treatments? (????) That is entirely too large and seems excessive.

260,000 acres available for commercial timber harvest (dead and live trees) LIVE TREES? WHO Decides?

95,000 acres available for clear cut logging (dead and live trees). 95,000 ACRES FOR CLEAR CUTTING?

WHY CLEAR CUTTING? WHAT GOOD IS ACHIEVED? WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WATER SHED?

Honestly this is unacceptable. 165,000 acres available for commercial thinning and selective logging (dead and live trees) - AGAIN, WHAT? Up to 600 miles of temporary roads constructed - UNBELIEVABLE! SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. The entire project sounds like it's designed to benefit the timber industry in particular. ONCE THESE RESOURCES ARE GONE THEY MAY NEVER REGENERATE. CLIMATE CHANGE, RAIN AND GROWTH ARE ALL UP IN THE AIR. I understand dead trees do need thinning but these resources belong to us all.

The scale and scope of this project is simply too large. No commercial logging should be allowed in inventoried roadless areas. No commercial logging or temporary roads should be allowed in the Sheep Mountain National Game Refuge, including the area southwest of the Fox Creek Road. No more than 25 miles of new temporary roads should be open at any given time. Proposed road locations must be provided, with analysis of environmental impacts. The Forest Service should provide a full analysis of climate change impacts of the proposed action as that is the only true way to manage our lands going forward.

The Forest Service should provide a full economic analysis of the plan, including how much the proposed action will cost and where the resources will come from to implement it! SCIENCE NOT PROFITS SHOULD BE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE LANDS. We have learned to depend upon our Forest Service to know and understand how to protect these lands from the wanton greed of the past. I believe those in charge KNOW these things and most feel the same way.

These lands are OUR LANDS and some of the last remaining wild places in this country. PLEASE, we need to protect and care for these lands - for all concerned including some of the last wild life left!

Thank you.